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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT EXPELS ECUADOREAN EXILES

1. QUITO'S NEWSPAPERS TODAY (DEC 16) REPORT THAT THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO EXPEL, WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, THIRTY ECUADOREAN EXILES WHO HAD GATHERED IN BOGOTA. THE EXILES INCLUDE FORMER PRESIDENT CARLOS JULIO AROSEMENA; LEADER OF THE ABORTED SEPT 1 COUP GENERAL RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR; PABLO DAVALOS DILLON, AND OTHERS. THE REPORTS FROM BOGOTA DID NOT SAY THAT THE ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT, BUT ONLY BECAUSE THE EXILES WERE CONDUCTING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THEIR RIGHTS OF ASYLUM.

2. NEWS STORIES FROM BUENOS AIRES INDICATE THAT FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO IBARRA HAS CANCELLED HIS ANTICIPATED TRIP TO BOGOTA UPON HEARING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA WAS EXPELLING THE ECUADOREAN EXILES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS IN QUITO, ECUADOR FOREIGN MINISTER AGUIRRE SAID "THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (OF THE ECUADOREAN EXILES) IN COLOMBIA HAVE WARRANTED AND CONTINUE TO WARRANT THE ATTENTION OF THE

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ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES. COLOMBIA IS A SISTER COUNTRY WITH

WHICH ECUADOR HAS THE CLOSEST OF TIES, AND COLOMBIA HAS CHOSEN
TO TAKE ITS MEASURES IN FULL EXERCISE OF ITS SOVERIGN POWERS.
ECUADOR, AS ALWAYS, IS RESPECTFUL OF THE ACTIONS OF THE COLOMBIAN
GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT IS CONVINCED THAT ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL
BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS THE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF COUNTRIES".
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